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SUBJECT: SUNDAY TIMES ARTICLE ON LWRS

1. THE SUNDAY TIMES OF NOVEMBER 25 ON PAGE 62 CONTAINS A HALF-PAGE ARTICLE BY AMORY B. LOVINS, IN HIS CAPACITY AS A CONSULTANT PHYSICIST TO FRIENDS OF THE EARTH. THE ARTICLE URGES THE UK TO REJECT US-DESIGNED LIGHT-WATER REACTORS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT SAFE AND SPECIFICALLY CRITICAL OF THE USAEC LICENSING PROCESS. THIS PUBLICITY OCCURS AT A TIME WHEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO MAKE A MAJOR DECISION WHETHER ITS

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CHOICE FOR NEXT NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR WILL BE LWR,

BRITISH-DESIGNED AGR OR SGHWR.

2. LOCAL WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO A FORMAL USAEC REBUTTAL TO THE SUNDAY TIMES ARTICLE. WESTINGHOUSE IN LONDON HAS ALREADY BEEN ASSURED BY SUNDAY TIMES THAT SPACE FOR SUCH A REBUTTAL WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE ON DECEMBER 9. WESTINGHOUSE IS SEPARATELY PLANNING AN INDIRECT REBUTTAL BY FACTUAL ARTICLE RELATED TO LWRS TO APPEAR IN DECEMBER 3 EDITION.

3. IN EVALUATING WHETHER THE USAEC SHOULD FORMALLY COMMENT ON THE NOVEMBER 25 ARTICLE, IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT, WHILE EVENTUAL UK DECISION ON LWRS VERSUS AGRS WILL BE MADE LARGELY ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, DECISION COULD EASILY BE INTERPRETED BY UK AND US MEDIA AS ONE BASED ON SAFETY COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TWO SYSTEMS.

4. INITIAL OFF-THE-CUFF REACTION OF HIGH-RANKING AEA AND DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS IS THAT FORMAL USAEC REBUTTAL MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. IF ON FURTHER REFLECTION THEY REACH DIFFERENT CONCLUSION, EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY.

5. TEXT OF SUNDAY TIMES ARTICLE WILL BE POUCHED BY SEPARATE AIRGRAM.

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